



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for June 2018

## Transfer Tuesday

*Tuesday, June 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

Students planning to transfer to UB are invited to this session which will maximize their transfer experience. Beginning on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, activities will include an application workshop, on-the-spot transfer credit evaluations, and campus tours. Students should bring unofficial transcripts from each institution attended and proof of high school graduation. For more information and to register: [http://www.bridgeport.edu/event/transfer-tuesday/?instance\\_id=2445](http://www.bridgeport.edu/event/transfer-tuesday/?instance_id=2445).

## IN MEMORIAM

The University is saddened to announce the recent passing of **Frank N. Zullo, Esq.**, who served on UB's Board of Trustees for 27 years. Zullo was dedicated to public service, serving three terms as Democratic mayor of Norwalk. He was also the founder and former president of the Connecticut Conference of Mayors. His other trusteeships included Norwalk Hospital, the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, and the YMCA. Zullo was 85. <https://news.bridgeport.edu/news-releases/frank-n-zullo-esq-longtime-ub-trustee-dies-at-85/>.

## New Hires

**Gary W. Plourde, PhD**, has been named director of technology transfer and venture creation. Dr. Plourde is a patent expert with expertise in industries including chemistry and healthcare. Dr. Plourde is responsible for managing UB's CTNext grant, which was awarded to UB in January 2018 and is worth \$720,000, including University matching funds, over three years. He holds a Master of Science in Finance from Golden Gate University, an MBA in Healthcare Management from the University of California, Irvine, a PhD in Organic Chemistry from Clemson University, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Richmond School of Law. <https://news.bridgeport.edu/news-releases/new-innovation-director-at-ub-announced/>.



**Jack Abelson** has been named first assistant coach for UB's women's soccer program. A graduate of the University of Birmingham, England, Abelson holds a BSc Hons degree in Sports and Exercise Science. He previously spent two years as operations assistant with Harvard University's women's soccer program. <https://www.ubknights.com/sports/wsoc/2017-18/releases/20180522kw6v5x>.

## Information Sessions

Register online and find more information about the following in the Events section at [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu):

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Info. Session**

Wahlstrom Library – Admissions, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

*Monday, June 18, 3 – 4 p.m.*

### **Chiropractic Info. Session**

Wahlstrom Library – Admissions, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

*Friday, June 22, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

## UB Research Headed to International Space Station

UB biology majors **Feissal Djoule** and **Emily Juliano**'s hard work has paid off. Their research project, "The Effect of Microgravity on Nanoparticle-Cellular Interaction," will be in the payload of a Falcon 9 rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX. It is scheduled to blast off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, to the International Space Station later this month. <https://news.bridgeport.edu/news-releases/for-ub-students-june-means-its-time-to-send-research-to-international-space-station/>.

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### CPIA

**Joel Amegboh**, '13 and '15, has been selected to serve as an academic associate at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. Joel is a PhD candidate at George Mason University School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, where he is also a fellowship recipient. While at UB, Joel interned at the United Nations, serving in the Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations.

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

**Jahana Hayes**, '14, former National Teacher of the Year (2016), is running for Congress. Hayes, a Waterbury native, is a candidate for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. She currently serves as the talent and professional development supervisor for the Waterbury School District.  
<http://www.wtnh.com/news/politics/former-national-teacher-of-the-year-going-forward-with-campaign-for-5th-congressional-district/1185035353>

**Dr. Jennifer Sinal-Swinger**, '17, adjunct professor for educational leadership, received the Wirth-Santoro Award for Literacy Research by the Connecticut Association of Reading Research (CARR) on April 28. The award was established to encourage and support advanced-studies research in literacy instruction by promising scholars, and was established in remembrance of Ethel Wirth and Ida Santoro to honor their dedication to literacy instruction and their commitment to CARR. **Dr. Gail Prelli**, assistant professor of educational leadership, sent the application to CARR based upon Dr. Swinger's research for her dissertation.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### ARTS & SCIENCES

**Thomas Ward**, dean of the College of Public and International Affairs (CPIA), will present a paper on June 26 at the 40th Academic Conference of the International Institute of Economic and Social Sciences in Stockholm. The topic is "Global Citizenship: Real or Unfounded?" Also, Dr. Ward's article on Taiwan's "Take" on unsettled war issues with Japan was recently published by *Asia Pacific Journal*. <https://apjif.org/2018/08/Ward.html>.

### FONES SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE

**Karen Sue Williams**, associate professor, and **Kristin Minihan-Anderson**, assistant professor, presented a research poster at the 2018 American Dental Education Association's Annual Session in Orlando, Florida. Their research, "*Student Perceptions of the Effectiveness of Adaptive Quizzing*," was conducted with colleagues **Sandra Stramoksi**, associate professor, and **Deirdre Cloonan**, former assistant professor. They evaluated how effective students believed the Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing platform, utilized in their dental hygiene courses, helped them in assessing knowledge and developing their test-taking skills.

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

**Patricia Smedley Buxton**, online visiting assistant professor of educational leadership, published a paper titled, "Viewing the Behavioral Responses of ED Children from a Trauma-Informed Perspective" in *Educational Research Quarterly*. The article would be of interest to those educational leaders seeking to better understand why students display maladaptive behavior in the classroom.

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Debra Kirouac at [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu).